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PUBLIC NOTICE

ALBEMARLE AND CHESAPEAKE CANAL


ATLANTIC INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY

CLOSURE OF LOCK

The lock at Great Bridge, Chesapeake, Virginia, will be closed to navigation between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM Saturday, April 2, 2005. The Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal, Route 1 of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, will be closed to through vessel traffic at this time. Closure is required to facilitate the changing of lock gates at the Great Bridge facility. If adverse weather, closure will occur Sunday, April 3, 2005 for the same hours.

Vessels desiring to transit the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway during the closure may use the Dismal Swamp Canal, Route 2. The centerline depth of the entire canal is a minimum of 6.0 feet. The Dismal Swamp Canal locking hours are 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:30 PM, and 3:30 PM.

Vessel operators may contact Mr. Joel Scussel at (757) 201-7642 regarding the Dismal Swamp Canal project conditions or the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal closure. Lock and bridge operators will monitor Channel 13.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew T. Byrne".

Matthew T. Byrne, P.E.
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